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RESPONSE and AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 4/03/2003, the Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1-41 are pending. Of the pending claims, 1-5, 8-11, 22-31, and 39-41 are rejected. Claims 6, 7, 12-21, and 32-38 are objected to. Claims 26-31 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome certain 35 USC §112 rejections. Applicants thank the Examiner for his conditional allowance of the aforesaid claims.